every year by the auditors sent by the Comptroller of Accounts. And in the course of the audit the auditors sometimes discover discrepancies and mistakes. The duty of the auditor is simply to point out the mistake and it is the duty of the officer to give an explanation. The Official Receiver whose duty it is to explain these discrepancies has not been able to do so and these errors have accumulated during the last three or four years. The special auditor is appointed to see whether the discrepancy can be reconciled. If it is found that the Official Receiver is responsible, surely he will be made responsible.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—The difficulty of some of us is whether this new appointment is essential?

Mr. President.—It is only a temporary appointment.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is it an essential appointment?

Mr. President.—It was found to be necessary.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is the special auditor appointed to do the work which the Official Receiver ought to have done?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—The Official Receiver could not reconcile certain errors noted in the audit reports.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Did you call for the explanation of of the Official Receiver?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—He complained of want of staff and that was a real complaint. The Official Receiver has got only one clerk. Government, however, felt the immediate necessity of rectifying the mistakes. The question of permanently increasing the staff of the Official Receiver is a separate matter to be considered by Government in due course.

Grant put and carried.

Rs. 250 under 17—Law and Justice—B—District Courts—Miscellaneous.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 250 under 17—Law & Justice—B2—District Courts—Miscellaneous. As the note for the Standing Finance Committee says the amount originally budgetted for the

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expenditure was found to be inadequate on account of the increase in the number of sessions cases. This amount of Rs. 250 is necessary for paying the anticipated expenditure in connection with the trial of sessions cases. I request that the amount may be granted.

Grant put and carried.

Rs. 2,850 under 20—Education—2—Collegiate Education—Maintenance of Gas plant.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—Mr. President, Sir, I move that an amount of Rs. 2850 under 20—Education—2—Collegiate Education—Maintenance of Gas Plant, be granted by this House. The printed note circulated among the Hon'ble Members fully explains the object. The Gas plant was in the possession of the Public Works Department and was transferred to the Education Department from the beginning of the current year. No provision was made in the current year's budget for its maintenance. I request that the House may be pleased to grant this amount.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Was it not really used by the Department?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes. But it was maintained by the Public Works Department.

Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Should there not have been some provision in the budget for its maintenance?

Mr. President.—By an oversight no provision was made in either Department.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—The actual transfer was made at a peculiar time. That is why this was left out by an oversight.

Grant put and carried.

Rs. 300 under 20—Education—8—Miscellaneous—Sanskrit College—Contingency.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon.—Sir, I request that the House may be pleased to grant a sum of Rs. 300 under 20—Education—8—Miscellaneous—Sanskrit College—Contingency. This sum is required for the supply of furniture to the Government

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